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War's Most Dramatic Race On In Russia As

250,000 Hungs Try To Escape Trap West Of Gomel

THREE GIGANTIC SOVIET ARMIES
IN DRIVE ON POLAND AND BERLIN

FROM HAROLD KING, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Last Night's

Communique

Gomel
Push Nets
More Towns

DURING November 27 our troops in the area west of Proprietary continued to fight offensive engagements, overcoming enemy resistance and beating off counter attacks, and occupied several inhabited localities," stated the Russian communique issued last night.

Between the rivers Dnieper and Sozh in the Gomel area our troops continued their successful offensive and occupied three towns and over 80 other inhabited localities, including the towns of Chetivsk, 30 miles north of Gomel, and Uvarovsk, 22 miles north of Gomel.

In the lower reaches of the Beresina River our troops captured a town and strong points. In the lower reaches of the Pripiet River our troops captured a town and other large inhabited localities. In the area of Kamen, Cherkov and Brusilov, our troops beat off counter-attacks by enemy troops and tanks.

South-west of Kremenchuk our troops continued to fight several heavily fortified enemy strongpoints. In the other sectors of the front there was continuous active activity and artillery and mortar fire.

During Friday, 30 German troops were destroyed, and 14 enemy aircraft were shot down in air combat or by A.A. fire.

Japs Expect
U.S. Offensive

TOKYO is expecting powerful new U.S. offensives following the Gilbert Islands attack, said German Radio, quoted by Reuter.

The U.S. Command considers that the time has come to stake the American Fleet in a decisive battle," the announcer said.

'We'll Crack
Em, Says Monty

With the Eighth Army, Thursday (Delayed).

GENERAL MONTGOMERY, in a personal message to the men of his Eighth Army, said:

"We will now hit the Germans as they sleep."

The British infantry in the Anglo bridgehead cheered when they heard the message read out to them, cables the London Williams, Reuter's correspondent.

Montgomery's message to the Allies has conquered one-third of Italy since we took the country on September 8, but the Germans still hold the approaches to Rome and the city.

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The enemy has been over-looked by British troops ever since we landed in Sicily. We must not let them get their feet set. The Germans are not the very condition in which we want them.

"We will now hit the Germans as they sleep. Good luck to all and good hunting as we go forward."

(Signed) BERNARD L. MONTGOMERY.

Reuter's forces fighting in the Eighth Army's Sangro bridgehead have been ordered to make a surprise attack tonight, said Ian Munro, Reuter's correspondent.

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Moscow, Saturday.
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ARMISTICE TALK REVIVED

Allied Chiefs Face 3 Big Issues

BIG European war moves are impending, suggest reports circulating last night among delegates at the U.N.R.R.A. conference at Atlantic City and in Washington.

European members at the U.N.R.R.A. conference at Atlantic City, says Reuter, give considerable credence to reports that the Germans have agreed, or are about to take, preliminary steps for an armistice.

Members from the occupied countries said privately that on the basis of the best information available, the Pope has received certain proposals and is now considering them.

In Washington, well-informed American observers believe that three main issues will face the U.N.R.R.A. President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin in the widely expected, will confer soon.

1—Time, place and method of opening the second front.
2—Treatment of Germany.
3—Post-war frontiers, particularly those of Eastern Europe.

These observers believe that only the Allied "Big Three" can take the necessary decisions, first and foremost, of which is the "when, where and how" of invasion from the West.

Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt are believed to be in place before Marshal Stalin in a coordinated plan prepared by the United States and British military and shipping experts for an invasion from the West in the early spring.

It is taken for granted that nothing less than military occupation of the Reich will be acceptable to the Allies—Reuter.

German winter must be held in mind. The German north is seriously worried by the latest Allied thrusts, has implemented the last man to the sea message.

He has ordered his troops to fight the last man to the sea message in the Sangro bridgehead, to challenge every Allied move in the heights of the Cassino, to hold the Sangro, and to strengthen the bulwarks of defense Cassino, which still commands the best and shortest road to Rome.

At it has these three points that the danger to the Germans is greatest. Montgomery is now firmly astride the Sangro in the center of the Anglo-American front in the center hold Alfedena and threaten Castel di Sangro; in the west the Fifth Army, long bogged down by bad weather, are resuming their mountain heights around Cassino.

Around Cassino an elaborate German hedgehog defense system of machine guns and anti-aircraft guns are now working day and night to improve the German position.

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The force, less than 15 miles from the town, made a high-speed crossing of the Beresina and drove straight on from its northern bank.

This forcing in record time of a major river barrier—scene of Napoleon's final defeat of his Russian campaign—is, in itself, a major tactical victory.

Rokossovsky's right wing, on the east bank of the Dnieper, is already 25 miles north-west of Jobin, and the same distance from the town.

His left wing is driving 250,000 Germans in full retreat back along the road and railway to the north.

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ANOTHER 1,000 TONS TO STIR UP THE FIRES

A Third of Berlin
Laid In Ruins

BY OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT one-third of Berlin is believed to have been utterly destroyed under the hammers of the RAF in the three great attacks of the past week. This estimate is based on an examination of the stories of fire and devastation told by people who have fled from the Reich capital to neutral countries.

Losses Beat Output

LUFTWAFFE FACING
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When the RAF returned to the assault on Friday night they found the fires burning apparently unchecked, and late last night the city was still blazing.

It was the first time since this month's intensive attack on Berlin began that Bomber Command had sent a force of heavy bombers—old Lancasters—back to Germany out in clear weather.

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'On The
Last Lap':
RAF Chief

"YOU and the crews of Bomber Command have started a new Reichstag fire, which this time will put the Nazis out of office," says Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, chief of Bomber Command, in a message to all workers in Royal Ordnance factories.

"In eight days," he says, "Berlin has used up more than 6,000 tons of high-explosive and incendiary bombs."

"No weapons used elsewhere could do more to shorten the war."

"Bomber Command has been working for more than four years to achieve the ability to do what has been done in the last week of replacing lost airmen, he says."

"The Germans are compelled to send more and more inexperienced airmen into action."

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MY GOODNESS
you've earned
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'HUNS PREPARE
TO USE GAS'

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Time Bombs Add
To Berlin Terror

Nazis Fear Mediterranean Blow

'COMBINED OPERATIONS' ARE

'Portugal On Brink Of War'

IMPORTANT diplomatic developments are expected at Lisbon soon following the statement by Dr. Salazar, the Portuguese Premier, of instruction, murder, and devastation in Japanese-occupied Portuguese Timor.

"The situation in Timor persists after two years of patient, slow, interminable and fruitless negotiations. We must find a solution," Dr. Salazar said.

Dr. Salazar's speech has aroused great interest in London. His disclosures, weighed with all the authority of the head of the Government, himself, about atrocities committed in Timor under Japanese occupation have created a deep impression.

No doubt is entertained that Dr. Salazar's realistic statement will find a solution. The tribute Dr. Salazar paid to British economic assistance to Portugal, notably to help to solve the difficulties arising from this year's bad grain harvest, is appreciated in London.

One Heil Of A Business!

Stockholm, Saturday.

HERE is the latest story being told in Stockholm about the German A.T.S. girl who got confused.

She arrived very late at the office one morning and said "I can't do without coffee."

Whereupon she was ordered to appear before the office hours on the following days and repeat loudly many times "I can do without coffee, Heil, Hitler."

This went on for several days (all one day the culprit appeared half an hour earlier still).

The day before she had got the matter, and learned that she had been punished again.

The day before she had got confused and said:

"I can do without Hitler. Heil, coffee."—B.U.P.

3,000 Japs Killed

Chungking, Saturday.

The latest Chinese Army communiqué says more than 3,000 Japanese troops were wiped out in the battle of Chongqing yesterday and Thursday.—B.U.P.

Deaths of sick destitutes in Calcutta hospitals yesterday were 27—the lowest daily figure this week. Only once this month has the figure been lower on November 19, when it was 22.—Reuter.

ADVERTISEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you Sleep well last Night?

Helping Hans To Die Happily!

German Frontier, Saturday.

THE Volkische Beobachter has told the people of Berlin—whose streets today were still burning—how to write a last will and testament.

A leading article in the newspaper demands that the German State intend to requisition the goods and property of victims of raids, and any other people how to make documents.

Reports in Basle today said that firemen, troops, engineers and police were working to restore as much of the services of the city.—A.P.

Air War With China As Base

THE Allied air attack on the Shinkiesu airbase on the island of Formosa in the title of Changchun yesterday, after the opening of an Allied offensive with China as a base.

This opinion is expressed in the Chinese Army newspaper "Sao Tung Pao," says a Reuter-Chung King message.

American and Chinese aircraft flew wing to wing to make the attack.

It was the first time that Chinese planes had attacked Japanese targets outside the Chinese mainland.

For the Americans taking part it was their first of spending Thanksgiving Day.

The raid was made 17 planes which tried to interfere.

7 Homes Wrecked By Explosion

As bombers were taking off for Berlin on Friday night, an explosion at an aerodrome wrecked seven cottages.

A cyclist was killed and a butcher's van severely damaged.

Twelve adults and six children in the cottages were uninjured, but had to find other accommodations.

"The whole house seemed to fall around me," said Mrs. Silk, one of the inmates of the cottages.

"Everything went red and then again blue," she said, as she ran across the floor and glass flew everywhere.

The cyclist was Marcus Cook, aged forty, who was returning from work when the explosion occurred. He had been discharged from the R.A.P. as medically unfit.

A butcher's assistant, named Skinner was taken to hospital seriously injured, while a boy who was also hurt, when his van was overturned.

More Stockings Soon, Perhaps

MORE fully-fashioned stockings are likely to be available, Mr. A. W. Eley, a Leicester manufacturer, stated at Leicester yesterday.

It was rumored, he said, that the Ministry of Supply had sufficient stockings for the requirements of the women's branches of the Forces, so there was every likelihood of more fully-fashioned stockings of 39 gauge for civilian use.

Women should be taught what to expect of different types of stockings.

The credit was not to be easy to convince them," he said, "if they persist in wearing two-third size stockings in the daytime, they cannot get the wear they require."

Huns Have Made New Enemy

Columbia is the latest South American Republic to inaugurate no so friendly relations with Germany.

Dr. Lozano, her Foreign Minister, told the Senate yesterday that Colombia is in a state of emergency.

The declaration follows the sinking of the German U-boat, adds a British U-boat, adds a British U-boat, adds a British U-boat.

It says: "The German U-boat, adds a British U-boat, adds a British U-boat, adds a British U-boat."

SOME OF THE BOYS WHO DID IT

THIRD OF BERLIN IN RINS

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"We had a good look round the city before things started. There were dull red patches in the city, which must have been buildings smouldering from the previous attack."

These old fires were dimmed by the great area of flame which soon sprang up elsewhere in the city, with continuous flashes of 4,000-lb. bombs going off among the flames.

A very great tonnage of bombs could be dropped on an objective so close to Berlin without causing more than a great number of incidents of scattered destruction and without paralysing the administration of the city, the Air Ministry pointed out.

Each of a series of attacks must be made in a different area and in a different area of the city, the Air Ministry pointed out.

The Battle of Hamburg proved that modern bombing tactics can, in a series of attacks, successfully devastate industries, industries.

The same problem has now been solved by the Battle of Berlin, but on a much greater scale, at much greater range, and against more formidable defences.

On Friday night for the first time since the new offensive on Berlin began this month, crews were sent to the big city, which is a very effective concentration.

They described how two large areas of fire, about a mile apart, became in a comparatively short period of time, one large conical fire, with a heavy cloud of smoke forming over it.

"The air smell of smoke when we got to the big city," one pilot said. "On the return journey rear-guards could see the glow in the sky over Berlin from a distance of 200 miles."

GREATEST AIR VICTORY

Halifax crews who made the attack on Stuttgart saw a fighter force lead into Frankfurt, and reports show that this second force was seen to be the glow in the sky over Berlin from a distance of 200 miles.

Over Stuttgart there was almost continuous but not thick clouds. There was a good concentration of fighters. When the turn of large fires under the cloud as they left the city, the glow in the sky over Berlin from a distance of 200 miles.

The loss of 32 bombers in the double raid is not large when account is taken of the size of the force employed and the damage done.

This massive devastation to the fifth capital of the world has been achieved at a cost of fewer than 100 bombers. It is the greatest victory ever achieved in night warfare.

Dr. Schmidt, German Foreign Office Press chief, was injured while engaged in putting out fires in Berlin, the German News Agency stated yesterday.

He had become mentally deranged as a result of the raids, was quoted as saying. When the turn of Mr. Brenden Bracken and his colleagues, the German News Agency stated yesterday.

It was the famous 78th Division who forced the Sangro River and held the bridgehead against tremendous odds.

MONTGOMERY signalled: "Stand fast at all costs"—and these veterans of the Tunisian campaign stood fast.

Sangro Was Forced Longstop Heroes

From ERIC LLOYD WILLIAMS, Reuter's Special Correspondent With the Eighth Army, Friday (delayed).

THE British 78th Division—veterans of Tunisia and Sicily and heroes of such hard-fought battles as Longstop Hill and "Cherry Ridge"—were mainly responsible for the crossing of the flooded Sangro River.

When General Montgomery said recently that "British soldiers have risen to great heights," he was referring to the men of the 78th Infantry Division—men from London and the Home Counties, found from the Highlands, Lancashire and Irish regiments.

General Montgomery described as "the most appalling weather conditions," they established a bridgehead over the Sangro and held it for five days, when German attempts to drive them into the river.

Montgomery signalled to them across the river: "Stand fast at all costs." They stood.

Attacked continually by German infantry and artillery and by driving rain, the 78th held firm, fighting in mud-filled holes, and in the face of days without changing their position.

They stood fast, well knowing that the fast-rising river already over their shoulders it was unlikely that they would be able to reach them, that their anti-tank guns might never get across, and that they would be running out of ammunition.

"GOING THROUGH HELL." We could see these British infantry from a high ridge south of the river. We could see mortar bombs exploding, hear the rattle of machine-guns, and see smoke clouds where German shells were falling.

We knew these men were going through hell, but when we reached them they were in the highest spirits, and a steady stream of German prisoners was coming back across the river.

Today their stand is almost another legend. Men will tell you about the company commander who, with four machine-guns, charged a German heavy machine-gun nest and captured it.

They will tell you of a Lancashire company commander who, when faced by German machine-guns and mortar-crews on a hill, ordered his company to shout: "Here we go. Here comes Manchester—and then they charged, and in a heavy cloud of smoke forming over it.

A few minutes later enemy troops were walking back with raised hands. The German machine-gun section was not the war's heaviest engagement, but it saw more determination and more courage than most other battles. And today the Sangro bridgehead is secure.

MILAN CARDINAL DEFIES GERMAN

Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, has challenged the German orders for all young men to join the German armed forces by issuing an appeal to the young men of Milan to let their sons fall into German hands.

He also accuses the Germans of sacking churches at Quarto-Casino, the outskirts of Milan. The accusation and the appeal were published in the Catholic newspaper "Italia"—B.U.P.

REVENGE! Calls Nazi Minister

BERLINERS are burning for revenge, says the Nazi Minister of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels, in a speech in the Reichstag on Friday.

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Dutch Sub. Lay 'Doggo' And Defiant

AFTER attacking a Japanese cruiser force, a Dutch submarine lay "doggo" for six hours within 200 yards of the hunting destroyers and escaped unscathed.

This was one of the adventures of the H.M.S. "O-23" which has just returned to Britain after 15 months of operations in the Far East.

The "O-23" was rescued by the end of her patrol when she was sighted by a Japanese cruiser. "Owing to the position we were in, we had to fire our torpedoes," said her commanding officer.

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Did you Sleep well last Night?

Helping Hans To Die Happily!

German Frontier, Saturday.

THE Volkische Beobachter has told the people of Berlin—whose streets today were still burning—how to write a last will and testament.

A leading article in the newspaper demands that the German State intend to requisition the goods and property of victims of raids, and any other people how to make documents.

Reports in Basle today said that firemen, troops, engineers and police were working to restore as much of the services of the city.—A.P.

Air War With China As Base

THE Allied air attack on the Shinkiesu airbase on the island of Formosa in the title of Changchun yesterday, after the opening of an Allied offensive with China as a base.

This opinion is expressed in the Chinese Army newspaper "Sao Tung Pao," says a Reuter-Chung King message.

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